

Remarks and Arguments

Claims 25-32, 43-48 and 57-61 were pending in this application. Claim 26 has been cancelled. Claims 25, 45, and 48 have been amended. Claims 25, 27-32, 43-48 and 57-61 are now pending in this application.

Allowable Claims/Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 57-61 and 26, 30, 43, and 44, which were objected to for being dependent on a base claim.

Applicants have amended claim 25 to incorporate the limitation of claim 26, which has been cancelled. Claim 43, which was objected to for being dependent on a base claim, is already in independent form and currently recites an alkylene imine polymer. Claims 45 and 48 have been amended to recite an alkylene imine polymer. By these amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration of the present application and early and favorable action is respectfully requested. If the examiner believes that a teleconference would expedite prosecution of the present application, the examiner is invited to call the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Any amendments, withdrawal or cancellation of claims made herein is made without prejudice and is not an admission that said withdrawn, canceled or amended

subject matter is not patentable. Applicant reserves the right to pursue said withdrawn, canceled or amended subject matter in one or more continuation or divisional applications.

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Respectfully submitted,

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